



QCWA HOT-LINE REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the October Board Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, the Board approved the Nominating Committee selected by the President. This committee will be selecting the entire slate... all four officers and ten directors... to take office in 1994. This is a "first" in the history of our organization and results from the money conserving, every other year election procedure which was adopted by the Board two years ago.

Members of the Nominating Committee are:

Bill Thompson, W2MTA (Chairman)
Leland Smith, Jr, W4YE
Herb Gleed, W6FQ
Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO
Mac Mc Allister, W0CW

If you are personally interested in serving QCWA as an officer or director and wish to become a candidate on the 1994 slate, please contact the committee. If you know of someone who has the desire, and is qualified to be a candidate, please contact the committee. The Nominating Committee's goal is to have at least two qualified candidates for each office before their deadline closes on July 31, 1993. After that date, possible candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members in good standing.

Harry, W2HD

A recent communication from Bill Thomson, W2MTA, indicated the committee is functioning very well, but they do need input from the membership. Currently about 60% of our membership belongs to chapters. Please let them know of possible candidates so that they can accumulate a good list of prospects. Remember a candidate must have been a member of QCWA for a minimum of two years to be nominated. Ask some questions of the possible candidate and then, don't delay, get the name submitted to the committee.

TAPING FOR THE BLIND

One of the most important programs in QCWA is a taping program for the sight impaired. We need your help as an officer of a Chapter.

Although we publish this in the Journal, if you cannot read, you do not know about it. Carry this into your newsletters and let's spread the word. Currently there are about 100 people being served at no cost. The individuals may keep the tapes if they wish, or they may return them to the source for recording of the next issue. We only ask that they return the mailing carton.

Our sight impaired friends will only know about the program if we can tell them about it. If you know of a member, or potential member, who is sight impaired please send their name and address to:

Blanche Randles, W4GXZ
6002 N. Fremont Ave.
Tampa, FL 33604

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

This topic has been prevalent the last few months with a fair number of old members getting back into the 'fold'. The confusion is that some are of the opinion that they must pay up all of their back dues. THAT IS NOT THE CASE.

The delinquent member pays current dues, is re-assigned his old membership number and is mailed a new membership card. We then cause his record to be transferred into the active data base file.

In the process we would like to see an application with a correct address along with the dues payment. It is not mandatory as long as we have something to confirm a current address. There are a good number of delinquent members out there. Let us try to get them back into the active membership.



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NEW CHAPTERS

A few new chapters have been established and you should have them in your files.

- #181 Hudson Valley Chapter 2/92
- #182 Northeast Tennessee 4/92
- #183 Pioneer Chapter 6/92
- #184 Bay Area 8/92
- #185 High Desert 9/92

As time goes by we will be seeing some good reports from these new chapters. All of them have some very active individuals working for the good of their chapter.

Board meeting

The Spring Board meeting will be held at Eugene, OR on April 16th and 17th, 1993. The members of the Board will arrive on Thursday and meet all day Friday and part of Saturday. At the end of the meeting on Saturday the Board generally visits Headquarters and then they prepare to travel back to their homes.

If you have any subjects that you feel the Board should consider please communicate your thoughts to the Secretary, John Swafford, W4HU. John will then distribute your thoughts to the entire Board for their consideration at the meeting.

We will have a full compliment of Directors at this meeting and at the moment we have a considerable amount of material to study and make decisions upon. Please, let us know if you have some concerns that we should consider.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The last several weeks has brought to us a number of telephone calls and a number of letters, all of which have questioned the membership requirements as related to the length of years for membership.

The Constitution states that " Any person is eligible for membership who submits satisfactory proof that he or she is at present a licensed amateur radio (wireless) operator, that he or she was licensed as such twenty-five or more years prior to making application.." Article II Membership, Section 2 of the Constitution.

In essence if you were licensed at least twenty-five years ago and currently have a license, you are eligible to apply for membership in QCWA.

CHAPTER REPORTS

In the Fall of the year we compile and mail out listings of members of each Chapters. The Chapter secretaries then inspect these mailings and generally reply with corrections that should be made to bring their and our lists more in line with each other. One of the problems is that our data base allows only the entry of a member's primary chapter, not the rest of the chapters that he./she might belong to. Consequently we will never have identical lists. There are some solutions to this problem and they are going to be investigated and perhaps, on a trial basis, we will instigate a few changes with a limited number of chapters this year.

I must report that the return of the Chapter Reports is very gratifying this year. They are much more complete than in the past. Thank you to all the members responsible for this work. We also appreciate the return of the computer generated chapter membership lists with among other things, telephone numbers of the members. These are filed right along with the report for future reference.

Let's have a great 1993 !



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NEEDED

As with any organization there comes a time when appeals must be made to the membership for volunteers to do certain jobs. In this instance we need someone who has the interest to become the Activities Chairman.

Primarily this position involves establishing rules for the QSO party and also includes some record keeping for issuance of certificates for working other QCWA members under certain conditions.

If you have an interest in this type of position please communicate your interest to Headquarters, hopefully by the time of the April Board meeting, so that an appointment can be made at that time.

COMMUNICATIONS

As we have indicated for some time we have a 'second' line into Headquarters. This line has a device which senses whether the incoming signal is a computer or a FAX machine. The number is (503) 683-4181.

The FAX has seen a fair amount of activity over this past year. Some secretaries send us a list of members to check, we then develop the information and FAX that same paper back within a few hours.

The BBS has seen almost 600 calls this past year and we have a list of all the operators who have called, left messages, down-loaded some files and up-loaded some files. I have maintained, monthly, a list of new members for the secretaries so that they can contact people in their area and introduce them to their Chapter. This gives them the new members in advance of the publication of the Journal. The file is Zipped and in ASCII format. ZIP and UN-ZIP files are on the BBS.

SUNDAY SSB NET

The Sunday SSB net which meets at 2000 Z every Sunday needs some help with net control positions.

Several time slots are being handled by persons who are on the Board of Directors. The result is that every time there is a Board meeting or a ham convention they are not available. We are now coming into the season of many ham conventions and some Board meetings.

More people are needed to help with the net control positions.

The job takes maybe two hours of your time on a Sunday at 2000Z. If there are a few more persons available, your turn at the job would be perhaps every fifth Sunday or the like. Acting as net control you get to know a large number of members that you will contact as net control.

Requirements are not too stringent but in conversation with those now acting as net control you should be in such a geographical position that you can hear, and work, both coast areas. You should also have an amplifier and a good beam to cover the areas properly.

Do you have those qualifications? Send a note to Headquarters so that we can collect and submit the names to those handling the net operations. Try it, you will like it.

The current group of net controls have developed a few pieces of material to help with calling the net to order, an abbreviated list of people who regularly check into the net, a numbered list to record calls and copies of the preamble to use for the net.

See you on 14,347 next Sunday at 2000 Z..

Jim Walsh, W7LVN

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